

# Distribution of Continuation & New Funds Requested

	•	1975 Incr.	1975	
	Base:	in 1974	Project	
Region	$1975 \le 1974$	Projects	Add-on	
Alabama	148,529	-		
Albany	0	, <del>-</del>	<b>-</b> ,	
Arizona	214,155	· ·	-	
Arkansas	100,000	+ 25,261	-	
California	289,146	• •	- '	
Central New York	40,000	, <del></del>	-	
Colorado-Wyoming	174,290	+ 24,604		
Georgia	173,377	<u>.</u>		
Greater Delaware Valley	247,500	<del>-</del>	. ••	
Hawaii	216,000	+ 3,383	-	
Intermountain	84,123	. •••	<b>-</b>	
Iowa	0			
Kansas	226,400		<del></del>	
Metropolitan Washington	94,920	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	•••	
Michigan	194,700	+ 16,300 -204,104 +.	30,000 49,224	
Mississippi	58,000	·	-	
Mountain States	•••		+14,090	
New Mexico	101,110			
North Carolina	211,500	100,000 143,306	_	
North Dakota	111,000	+ 9,000	•	
Ohio Valley	35,225	-		
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Puerto Rico	92,160	+ 38,000 48,474	<del>-</del>	
Susquehanna Valley	-	-	+139,500	
Tennessee Mid-South 1/	(107,484)	(124,838)	+ 53,000 <u>2</u>	1/
Texas -	105,200			
Tri-State	145,260	-	-4 <del>53,822</del> -	
Virginia	40,000	-	<del>-</del>	
Washington/Alaska $\underline{2}$ /	(35,622)	-	+42,995	2/
Western Pennsylvania	133,330	<b></b>	,	•
Wisconsin	62,000	+ 25,000 49,225 X/		
Totals:	3,338,792	507,357	931,953	
Cumulative Totals:	3,338,792	3,846,149	4,778,102	

<sup>1/</sup> Funds for Tennessee Mid-South 1974 arthritis program were made available from non-earmarked funds available to the RMP. request for 1975 treated as new.

2/ Washington/Alaska: Same circumstances as Tennessee Mid-South.

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Region: Alabama

Location	Year	Project	Period	Funds
	1974 1975	95	7/74-9/75 10/75-6/76	
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1/ Request of \$65,617 was included in regular May application, and is made up of balances of RMP funds which RMP determined to apply to this program. This request will be dropped if the supplemental request of \$148,529 is approved.

The continuation request covers 9 month's continued efforts to develop arthritis clinics at Huntsville, Mobile, and Tuscaloosa, as well as arthritis laboratory services expanded as a central service at the University of Alabama in Birmingham. Inclusion of arthritis information of the MIST telephone system is projected. Emphasis will be placed on increased use of laboratory services, and increased practicing phsycian and allied health personnel in monthly clinics. UAB has assisted the establishment of the University of Southern Alabama's (Mobile) teaching curriculum, and is continuing to provide teaching services there until the rheumatology facilities are developed.

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Location	Year	Project	Period	Funds	
	1974	51	7/74-6/75	130,940	

Albany

Albany Medical College has developed a multidisciplinary arthritis clinic in conjunction with arthritis laboratory services. From this base, outreach clinics were established at Glen Falls in October 1974, and Oneonta, in January 1975. The program has achieved sustaining support through participating hospitals, and third party payments.

1974 1975

Arizona
Region:

Location	Year	Project	Period	Funds
	1974 1975	30	7/74-6/75 7/75-6/76	215,000 214,155

The continuation proposal projects continued development and demonstration activities in the 6 southern counties centered on Tucson. Expansion of services to selected counties to the North is planned. In the first year, 17 communities were selected as the sites of developmental activities; 28 consultation clinics were conducted in rural communities, and 21 home modifications were completed. Physical therapy services were provided regularly at 6 rural sites, and additionally in homes to groups and individuals. A weekly clinic has been presented at a local hospital, and 13 physicians have received arthritis training. In the coming year, emphasis will be placed on continued rural outreach, and development of information services to Indian, and Spanish speaking populations. Additional home modifications are planned for demonstration purposes, and some vehicular modifications.

Region: Arkansas

Location	Year	Project	Period	Funds
	1974 1975	95	7/74-6/75 7/75-6176	100,000 125,261

Ten (10) physical therapy clinics are being established, and 2 rounds of 3 planned rheumatology consulting clinics have been conducted for 164 physicians, and 147 health professionals. A statewide patient education program has been mounted, as well as WATS telephone services to physicians, and public education. Diagnostic and therapeutic criteria for arthritis diseases are being presented in clinics. Continuation activities will provide development of education and consultation for juvenile rheumatoid arthritis. Home care physical therapy services will be expanded through workshops for therapists and others in outlying areas. Arthritis consultation clinics will be expanded by 50 percent, and increased activities will be developed with respect to patient education through County volunteer action committees, and public seminars.

Region: California

Location	Year	Project	Period	Funds
	1974 1975	all	7/74-8//5 9/75-6/76	397,250 289,146
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U.C. Davis	1974 1975	154C	9/74-8/75 7/75-6/76	52,751 43,000
U.C. San Francisco	1974 1975	154D	9/74-8/75 9/75-6/76	122,078 70,000
St. Mary's Hospital, S.F.	1974 19 <b>7</b> 5	154E	9/74-8/75 9/75-6/76	40,586 33,821
UCLA	1974 1975	1541	8/74-7/75 8//5-6/76	45,049 47,805
Orange County Med. Center	1974 1975	<b>1</b> 54J	8/74-8/75 9/75-6/76	39,225 35,956
Loma Linda University	1974 1975	<b>1</b> 54K	9/74-8/75 9/75-6/76	25,456 21,213
U.C., San Diego	1974 1975	154M	9/74-8//5 9/75-6/76	45,783 38,000

The CCRMP arthritis program is provided policy and priority direction by a 17 member State Arthritis Council. Project 154C serves a juvenile clientele by establishing a referral system for JRA's in northern California. 700 physicians have been contacted about the service, and 40 physicians are presently referring children to twice-monthly clinics. In 1975, emphasis will be on increased outreach to family physicians, professional training, and inventory of the JRA patient load in northern California.

Project 154D is developing arthritis diagnosis and treatment teams in the San Francisco area. A multidisciplinary staff has instituted training and clinics in 9 hospitals. A wide variety of clinics, rounds, lectures, and conferences have been employed to catch the interest of personnel, and obtain involvement. In 1975, teaching services will be taken to 6 additional hospital staffs, and standardized diagnostic tests will be established. The teaching program will be evaluated with uniform audit criteria in 4 hospitals.

Project 154E utilizes two teams to (a) provide multidisciplinary evaluation and diagnosis for clinic and private arthritis patients, and (b) an allied health professions team to develop nursing and patient assessment, and ultimately to produce teaching outlines. Of 26 patients reviewed by the 1st team, 18 were accompanied by private physicians. In 1975 clinics and con-

ferences will be schedulled weekly, and increased patient followup will be performed. Arthritis treatment resources will be inventoried, and patient evaluation criteria will be tested.

Project 154I is cooperating with a Los Angeles County Department of Health survey of means to establish decentralized health clinics. Data has been collected on 90% of the area's known arthritis patients, and is now being analyzed. A high missed-appointment rate has been identified. In 1975, data collection will be continued and indicators refined, and a bilinqual clinic will be demonstrated in an established neighborhood health unit.

Project 154J is developing outpatient and home services by increased utilization of professional allied health personnel. The objectives are to identify the needs for arthritis outpatient services, reduce physician patient overloads, and improve services for patients unable to come to clinics. The need for home services has been identified as less than had been anticipated. Services have increased by 40 additional patients monthly, and 180 additional treatments. In 1975, the demonstration will be continued, and public education and support resources will be developed. Patient evaluation criteria will be tested.

Project 154K emphasizes training and service outreach from Loma Linda University hospital. Professional and public education services are provided by a multidisciplinary team which conducts clinics, conferences, and seminars. In 1975, in-house physician conferences for practicing physicians will be conducted weekly, as well as monthly allied health seminars.

Project 154M has resulted in the establishment of comprehensive arthritis services at University Hospital, in San Diego. Allied health personnel have been added to existing research, training, and surgical services. A rehabilitation grant has added significant rehabilitation capacity, and an active return-to-work program is developing with enthusiastic employer support. A strong patient counseling and outreach program is operational. A cost analysis system has been instituted to provide cost breakout for billing and reimbursement purposes. The scope of coordinated services permits assessment of care screening, care input quantification, and definition of allied health roles in comprehensive care delivery. In 1975, training, treatment, counseling, and rehabilitation services will be continued, with emphasis on patient evaluation, and development of allied health cost effectiveness data (re. reimbursements).

Region: Central New York

Location	Year	Project	Period	Funds
	1974 1975	61	9/74-8/75 12/75-6/76	70,200 40,000

The Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse, is the center for arthritis activities comprising 4 clinics each week at UMC, and provision of consulting team assistance for clinics at Utica, Binghampton, and Ithaca. The latter two clinics have focussed on professional education, while at Utica, emphasis has been on patient diagnosis and evaluation.

In 1975, increased numbers of trained personnel, and additional clinics at St. Camillus, and Watertown, will increase the number of patients seen by 30%, and the number of practicing physicians assisted in dealing with arthritis.

Region: Colorado-Wyoming

Location	Year	Project	Period	Funds
	1974 1975	all	7/74-6/75 7/75-6/76	174,290 198,894
General Rose Hospital	1974 1975	51	same	23,418
Rocky Mntn. Chapter, Arthritis Fnd.	1974 1975	52	same	77,160
Denver General Hospital	1974 1975	53	same	20,518
Community clinics	1974 1975	54	same	34,000
Univ. of Colorado Medical Center	1974 1975	58	same	43,798

Project 52 is the management office of the C/W RMP pilot arthritis program, and operates with an advisory committee of 9 members appointed from the membership of the Rocky Mountain Arthritis Foundation. The office organizes the services of health professionals to staff regional clinics, and coordinates outreach clinics with co-sponsoring, or cooperating State and County agencies, and professional organizations. General Rose Memorial Hospital (51) has 22 arthritis beds, and services a teaching center in a new facility constructed as a model unit for arthritis care and rehabilitation. Denver General Hospital (53) has 5 arthritis beds, and provides professional resources for multidisciplinary consulting and teaching clinics. University of Colorado Medical Center, and Denver General Hospital jointly operate an arthritis "walk-in" clinic, and have conducted 9 workshops and clinics in Colorado and Wyoming communities, attended by 363 physicians, and 379 nurses and other allied health personnel. Regional. clinics (54) were established in Colorado at Sterling, Pueblo, Grand Junction, and Durango, and in Wyoming at Sheridan, Thermopolis, Casper and Laramie. These centers serve regional population groups and provide a base for consulting outreach clinics.

In 1975, the program will continue development of the multistructure arthritis center for continued teaching and development of improved arthritis diagnostic, treatment, and rehabilitation methods.

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Location	Year	Project	Period	Funds
	1974	76A	8/74-6/75	200,000

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Region:

76A

Georgia

7/75-6/76

173,377

The GRMP program is organized under the regional "umbrella" plan with 2 regional, and 2 area focal facilities. The Medical College of Georgia is a regional center, cooperating with an area facility at Memorial Medical Center, Savannah. MCG is presenting 4 clinics weekly, and participates monthly in clinics at Savannah. Emory University School of Medicine is a regional center cooperating with the Arthritis Area Facility at the Columbus Medical Center. EUSM holds 2 arthritis clinics weekly, and provides multidisciplinary consulting services to AAF staff. AAF staff are receiving specialized training at Grady Memorial Hospital.

1975 funding is requested to continue program development, including necessary specialized recruitment, and extension of services to community levels.

Region: Greater Delaware Valley

Location	Year	Project	Period	Funds
	1974 1975	all	7/74-6/75 7/75-6/76	247,500 247,500
Jefferson Med. College	1974 1975	60.	7/74-6/75 7/75-6/76	4,000 4,000
Arthritis Foundation of East Pennsylvania	1974 1975	60A	same	18,000 18,000
Hahneman Medical Center	1974 1975	61	same	64,326 64,326
Temple University	1974 1975	62	same	72,956 <b>72,9</b> 56
Medical College of Penn.	1974 1975	63	same	17,000 17,000
Einstein Medical Center	1974 1975	64	same	38,219 38,219
Children's Seashore House	1974 1975	65	same	32,999 32,999

GDV-RMP's arthritis program has operated under a regional Arthritis Control Council to establish a cooperative effort to link 5 Philadelphia medical schools with non-profit hospitals, and the Arthritis Foundation. Projects 60, and 60A, are program-wide activities directed to (a) development of a physician self-assessment examination form, and (b) public and patient/family education, and referral assistance. Project 61: patient workshops and forums are closely related to Arthritis Demonstration Clinics (ADC) sponsored by Hahneman Medical Center. Patients and their families meet in groups with physicians and allied health personnel to explore the nature and impact of their disease. Project 62: Temple University School of Medicine sponsors ADC's (7 to date) in, and outside of Philadelphia (e.g., Allentown, Scranton, Camden, East Stroudsburg, Wilkes-Barre, Millville) on a weekly basis. ADC's provide access to multidiciplinary diagnosis and consultation, and preceptorship/group training of physicians and allied health personnel. Project 63: Medical College of Pennsylvania specifically provides professional training in conjunction with ADC's. An hour's lecture is

arranged at each ADC, plus special lectures and seminars, regionally. Specific coordination has been achieved with respect to allied health team training, and pediatric services. Project 64: Albert Einstein Medical Center has focussed on adding arthritis capability to existing allied health resources. Training has been offered through seminars and symposia, and in conjunction with ADC's. Various hospitals, State and County agencies, professional organizations and the Arthritis Foundation are providing community support to the program. Project 65: Children's Seashore House has emphasized cooperative and collaborative approaches to pediatric arthritis problems among Philadelphia hospitals. Pediatric consultation is provided other GDV/RMP arthritis components, as well as participation in the ADC's. Regular pediatric clinics are held twice monthly.

In 1975, program continuation financing will be sought, along with improvement in program development throughout the 24 County Region.

	Re	egion:	Hawaii		
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Location	Year	Project	Period	Funds	
	1974 1975	69	9/74-8/75 7/75-6/76	216,000 219,383	

The HRMP arthritis program is based on a Center (Kuakini Hospital), with support from the University of Hawaii School of Medicine, and the Hawaii Arthritis Foundation. Three (3) objectives are: develop a center with a multidisciplinary approach to diagnosis, and treatment; extension of services in Honolulu, and to outlying islands in the Pacific Basin; and, professional training. These objectives were achieved. 115 patients have completed mustidisciplinary diagnosis and evaluation at the Center. General and specialty clinics have been conducted, and conferences, clinics, and teaching consultations have been presented at Ponape, Saipan, Guam, Palau, and Yap.

In 1975, emphasis will be placed on further education of health professionals in arthritis, assessment of service needs, increased utilization of allied health personnel, and increased consulting services and backup to Pacific Basin areas.

Region: Iowa

Location	Year	Project	Period	Funds
	1974	63	9/74-6/75	87,550
	1975		-	0

University of Iowa College of Medicine expanded multidisciplinary professional education, and therapy, and supported the establishment of arthritis clinics in Des Moines, and Muscatine. The program is self-supporting through financing by participating hospitals, and third party payments.

Region: Intermountain

Location	Year	Project	Period	Funds
	1974 1975	123	7/74-6/75 7/75-6/76	169,500 84,123

The Intermountain Arthritis Center has been established as a non-treatment center to coordinate and develop the program. The center has applied for a Provider number, and has instituted cost reporting procedures required by Medicare/Medicaid. With only 2 practicing rheumatologists in the 3-State area served, considerable education and use of family physicians and allied health personnel is needed. Clinics were scheduled and conducted with family physicians and their patients in (Idaho) Boise and Pocotello, (Nevada) Las Vegas and Reno, and (Utah) Ogden and St. George. Clinics in 2 additional communities are schedulled.

In 1975, community clinics will be continued, and diagnostic and treatment standards will be developed for practicing physicians. Patient/family education will be developed, and increased support including service reimbursements will be sought.

Region: Kansas

Location	Year	Project	Period	Funds
	1974 1975	88	7/74-6/75 7/75-6/76	242,400 226,400

KRMP, Kansas Arthritis Chapter, KU School of Medicine, and the K.C. Veteran's Administration Hospital collaborated to establish Information and Education Unites (IEU's) at Kansas City, Topeka, Salina, and Wichita, to improve arthritis patient information, education, diagnosis, and treatment. The units are sponsored and staffed by local hospitals (physicians and allied health personnel). Physicians were recruited to make patient referrals to the Unites. Program sponsors provided Unit siting, and start-Multidisciplinary consultation and followup services up assistance. are provided each Unit twice monthly. The IEU's individually demonstrations for the other IEU's, and local health professionals. cial training support is provided by KUMC, which with the Arthritis Chapter, provides a standard patient record to accumulate a data base. The IEU's are responsible for training, and for lending assistance to community physicians in arthritis patient assessment, diagnosis, and treatment.

In 1975, efforts will be made to expand IEU capacities through participation of increased numbers of physicians, nurses, and therapists.

Region: Metropolitan Washington

Location	Year	Project	Period	Funds
	1974 1975	all	7/74-8/75 9/75-6/76	176,900 94,920
Freedman's Hospital	1974 1975	58.	10/74-8/75 -	95,400 0
Washington Hosp. Center	1974 <b>197</b> 5	59	10/74-8/75 9/75-6/76	81,500 94,920

Washington Hospital Center (WHC) and Shaw Community Health Center, where 12% of all clinic visits are arthritis-related, have collaborated to provide improved arthritis care to inner city residents. An Arthritis Technical Review and Advisory Committee comprised on consumer and provider members assists the project. WHC provides a multidisciplinary team, diagnosis and treatment, and other services at its own, and the Shaw center. Freedman's Hospital has focussed on professional and patient/family education, including home services. The program has been delayed by inability to recruit, and the move to new quarters.

In 1975, both institutions will expand treatment capabilities, and intensify referral and education activities.

Region: Michigan

Location	Year	Project	Period	Funds
	1974 1975	125	9/74-9/75 9/75-9/76	194,700 448,028
Geriatric Program	1974 1975	125	same same	194,700 398,804
Evaluation (Univ. Mich)	1974 1975	(MRMP Eval. 149	Funds) 9/75-8/76	(25,000) 49,224

The MRMP pilot arthritis program is primarily a study project to define effective treatment which will delay, prevent, or reduce hospitalization of geriatric patients (+55). The program has 3 components: health services delivery; patient education; and, family, provider and program evaluation. Representatives from 4 UM departments provide an Advisory Board; there is an 18 member (consumers and providers) Community Advisory Board (CAB), and and Executive Committee of senior project staff, whose policies are reviewed by CAB. The demonstration is centered on Washtenaw County, and the County Health Department, Arthritis Foundation, and the Council on Aging are cooperating. Multidisciplinary staff resources assure a comprehensive approach to patient problems and needs, and a detection program and intensive followup activities have been conducted. There are 214 patients enrolled in the program. Public, patient, and professional education activities have been intensively developed, including special visual aid, and other materials.

In 1975, utilizing experience and data accumulated in 1974, it is planned to develop a referral clinic, intensify demonstration of the roles of clinical and public health nurses, and to define criteria for geriatric arthritis care, emphasizing home care. Increased attention will be provided to professional education needs outside of Washtenaw County, and replication of the existing system will be pursued.

The program evaluation project was initiated in 1974, with DRMP concurrence, with MRMP evaluation funds. The study is a special project of the Michigan University School of Public Health, and \$25,000 was provided by MRMP through a contract. The project was not eligible for direct grant support under 1974 program guidelines. It may, however, provide useful geriatric data for use under the provisions of the National Arthritis Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-640) in view of the NIH Commission on Arthritis current seeking of arthritis disease and patient information.

Region: Mississippi

Location	Year	Project	Period	Funds
	1974	40	9/74-6/75	58,000
	1975		7/75-6/76	58,000

The Mississippi pilot arthritis program was initiated by, and in conjunction with the newly-completed Mississippi Methodist Rehabilitation Center in Jackson. Two (2) outlying satellite clinics have been established at Belzoni (north), and Centerville (south). These clinics are staffed with paid specialists who conduct screening, referrals, and physician consultations. A fire at the new Jackson Hospital has delayed development of referral and consultation services from the center resource.

In 1975, the RMP proposes to develop the program as initially planned. The outlying clinics will provide out-State resources for patient assessments, and referrals, and centers for communication with community health workers. (Note: MRMP project #C176 includes arthritis, providing further operational latitude for the pilot program.)

Region: Mountain States

Location		Year	Project	Period	Funds
Idaho		1974 1975	<del>-</del> 32	- 7/75 - 6/76	0 6,180
Montana	:	1974 1975	_ , 32	- 7/75 - 6/76	0 7,910
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Mountain States RMP arthritis program represents participation in allied health training provided at the Virginia Mason Medical Center, Seattle, through the Washington/Alaska arthritis program. That training center was financed by non-earmarked funds, and thus required that Idaho and Montana reimburse training provided their allied health personnel (physical, and orthopedic therapy). During 1974, these two States each sent 6 therapists for training, The 1975 request is for support of specialized training for 12 therapists from Idaho, and 20 from Montana. This activity will contribute to regionalization of the Washington/Alaska arthirtis program, and provide urgently needed therapists for services in the sponsoring states.

Region: New Mexico

Location		Year	Project	Period	Funds
· .		1974 1975	37	7/74-6/75 7/75-6/76	163,600 101,110

Outreach clinics have been established at Taos, Albuquerque, and Las Cruces, for physician and allied health education, patient and public education, and patient referral. The program has wide local participation. 8 physician education, and 8 allied health education seminars, and 1 joint education session have been held. 14 patient education programs have been conducted. A traveling consulting team has received 48 referrals by practicing physicians, and these clinics have been attended by 114 physicians, and 32 allied health personnel. 2 family nurse practitioners have received extensive training, and will be key resources for statewide patient education services. A trained family nurse practitioner will be a full-time member of the traveling team. Clinical followup training will be provided for 23 family nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and community health medics who have completed initial clinical training in rheumatology. Additional nurses and medica will be entered into the program in 1975.

Region: North Carolina

Location	Year	Project	<u>Period</u>	_Funds_
	1974 1975	all	7/74-6/75 7/75-6/76	211,500 354,806
Orthopedic Hospital & Rehabilitation Center	1974 1975	75A	same	30,000 69,715
N.C. Arthritis Fndn.	1974 1975	75B	same	51,500 52,378
Univ. North Carolina	1974 1975	75C	same	90,100 140,000
Bowman-Gray School of Medicine	1974 1975	75F	same	39,900 92,713

The NC Arthritis Foundation provides everall program administration, and supports training and information services. An arthritis seminar for 90 nurses in industrial plants was conducted, and several other professional symposia were presented. The Orthopedic Hospital in Asheville has expanded to treat 4-times the number of patients handled before the grant by development of highly routinized administrative procedures, and extensive utilization of allied health personnel. University of NC rheumatologists are conducting weekly clinics in Greensboro, Raleigh, Pinehurst, and Wilson, and the number of patients seen at UNC medical center has been doubled to 60/week. Bowman-Gray has established 3 outlying clinics, and new outreach clinical services are extended to these sites 22 days of the month.

In 1975, OHRC plans to again double the output capacity of the patient treatment and followup system. Nurses, therpists, and paramedics are being trained to be trainers, and to backup practicing phsycians (70 now participating) in performing drug toxicity monitoring, patient education, and followup services, particularly to remote patients. Allied health personnel will also staff an outlying station for evaluation of retinal function for potential toxicity of antimalarial drugs.

UNC, and the NC Arthritis Foundation have cooperatively developed a sceening, counseling, treatment, and rehabilitation program in the facilities of Burlington Industries. NCAF will continue overall program administration and monitoring. UNC will expand its clinic by 50% through standardized intake procedures, and increased employment of allied health staff.

A travelling team approach will be intensified for the conduct of clinics at AHEC and orthopedic units at Greensboro, and Raleigh, and two new clinic units will be developed.

Bowman-Gray will continue clinical visits of a travelling team to 3 established clinics, expand its clinic at Babtist Hospital, and extend new services to Farmington Nurse Practitioner Clinic in Davis County.

Region: North Dakota

Location			Year	Project	Period	Funds
•	* .	•	1974 1975	103A	7/74-6/75 7/75-6/76	111,000 120,000

In 1974, comprehensive arthritis clinics were established at Fargo, as a central coordination site, and Grand Forks, and Bismark. A patient evaluation process was developed, in concert with patient followup, and data accumulation. A multidisciplinary tram provides services to Grand Forks, and Bismark, and assures uniform performance of patient diagnosis, evaluation, treatment, followup, and data collection and reporting under published ARA procedures. Appropriate referrals are made when other ailments are discovered at the clinics. The program is increasing utilization of allied health personnel.

In 1975, it is planned to extend professional consulting services, home services, and professional and patient/family education into more outlying areas. A study will be conducted on patient compliance with prescribed therapy. A "patient contract" enunciating physician, nurse, patient responsibilities will be tested with 100 patients. A biochemical study on load analysis of lower extremities with load will be continued. The program involves ND medical schools, State Vocational Rehabilitation, ND arthritis foundation, PH nurses, the USDA Human Nutrition Laboratory, and "area" medical and paramedical consultants.

Region: Ohio Valley

Location	Year	Project	Period	Funds
	1974 1975	49	11/74-10/75 11/75-6/76	46,500 35,225

The arthritis clinic of the Louisville General Hospital, which is the teaching facility for the University of Louisville School of Medicine, had been able to see and give adequate attention weekly to approximately 25-30 followup patients, and 2 - 3 new patients. A coordinator of patient services has been appointed to evaluate each arthritis patient, with professional assistance, and develop a comprehensive management program. The management program will, as appropriate, involve existing community resources such as social service agencies, vocational education and rehabilitation centers, home care centers, and other appropriate organizations. These services should expedite the disassociation of followup services from clinic premises, permitting a larger intake of new patients. Patients are referred to the program through the arthritis clinics at Louisville General Hospital, St. Josephs Infirmary, and the Louisville VA Hospital. Patient information is being accumulated to assist program assessment, and to aid development of patient education services.

In 1975, development of the program will continue, and special efforts will be extended to develop service reimbursement sources.

Region: Oklahoma

Location	Year	Project	Period	Funds
	1974 1975	47	7/74-6/75 7/75-6/76	66,050 40,867

Oklahoma University Health Science Center (OUHSC), and Oklahoma City VA hospital (OCVA) have cooperatively developed an arthritis program for medical education, and are seeking through the RMP grant to establish a pilot arthritis referral, treatment, and training resource, working through the 10-County Regional Health Development Area Program, centered at Ada. Initial efforts have been directed public and patient education, improved patient scheduling for clinic, family physician counseling, and increased utilization of the Physical Therapy Department at Valley View Hospital, at Ada. A critical need for a second rheumatilogist has not been met, and recruiting efforts are continuing; this additional professional is critical for expansion of the referral, therapy, and follow-up system being developed.

The 1975 request is to cover the salary of the second rheumatologist, whose recruitment has been reported as imminent.

Region: Puerto Rico

Location	Year	Project	Period	Funds
	1974 1975	20	7/74-6/75 7/75-6/76	92,160 140,634

The considerable rheumatologic resources at the central arthritis clinic at the University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine serve as the major support and coordinating force for patient diagnosis and assessment, management procedures, professional education, and extension of services into outlying areas. Initial outreach has been achieved with a regional arthritis clinic at Bayamon Hospital, serving northeastern Puerto Rico. It is planned to establish 3 additional clinics over time until all regional areas are being served. Over 100 professional personnel received training in arthritis at UPRMS, and in northeastern communities, and the new and followup patient lead is being increased. UPRMS provides central laboratory services.

In 1975, the weekly clinic at PR medical center will be continued with multidisciplinary participants, and clinics at Bayamon will be increased from twice monthly, to weekly. It is anticipated that the new patient load will increase by 60%, and patient followup visits will increase proportionately.

Region: Susquehanna Valley

Location	Year	Project	Period	Funds
	1974	42 42	7/74-6/75 7/75-6/76	0 139,500

Susquehanna Valley RMP was approved in 1974 for pilot arthritis activities up to 139,500, but was not allocated earmarked funds. The region was unable to provide arthritis funding from other funds. The 1975 request is a repeat of the 1974 proposal, with the request reduced to last year's approved level.

A new clinic will be started up with monthly sessions at Williamsport Hospital (WH) by contracting for a fellow in rheumatology, and training a nurse for support services. The 1974 request indicated that WH possesses "an 80 bed rehabilitation unit staffed by 13 physical therapists, 3 board certified physiatrists, and 3 occupational therapists, and provides psychological, audiology, speech pathology, social services and vocational rehabilitation services." WH will provide the nurse resource for patient referral at Lock Haven Hospital, and the Blossberg Family Health Center.

The Geisinger Medical Center (GMC) reported in 1974 that in addition to the rheumatologist, it had 2 board certified internists with special training in rheumatology, 6 orthopaedic surgeons, and "significant practice in neurology, neurosurgery, pediatric rehabilitation, physical medicine and rehabilitation, and all appropriate ancillary services." "Current patient load includes an average of 90 patients seen weekly in the Rheumatology Section of the Medical Center. The earlier application indicated and intent to employ a clinical nurse in expanded patient care responsibilities, but otherwise, "The resources of the Geisinger Medical Center continue to be dedicated to the provision of and access to quality care to the region. In cooperation with the Arthritis Foundation of Central Pennsylvania and the other participating components of this program, the Medical Center continues to commit its full support and services."

Both institutions propose to provide professional education at unnamed outlying sites. The Central Pennsylvania Arthritis Foundation will undertake and extensive program of patient, professional, and allied health education. All training activities of the proposal will be related to ongoing activities of the Northcentral Pennsylvania Area Health Education System.

Region: Tehnessee Mid-South

Location	Year	Project	Period	Funds
	1974 1975	al1	9/74-6/75 7/75-6/76	107,484 232,322
East Tenn. Children's Hospital	1974 1975	107	9/74-6/75 7/75-6/76	34,463 54,480
Reg'l Arthritis Center Foundation (Appalachi	1974 an1975	108	same	33,566 94,900
Vanderbilt School of Medicine	1974 1975	109	same	39,455 82,942

The TMS-RMP pilot arthritis program was one of 2 programs funded with nonearmarked funds. Program approval for up to 138,500 was approved by the Council. Three activities fitted to different local capabilities were initiated. In Knoxville (107) a juvenile arthritis clinic was opened on a twice-weekly basis at the Arthritis Center, East Tennessee Children's Hospital. In Chattanooga (108), the Appalachian Regional Arthritis Center was established as a non-profit organization under the aegis of the Baroness Erlanger Hospital. In Nashville (109), combined arthritis clinics were established at the VA Hospital (½ da./wk), and Nashville General Hospital (1/2 da./wk). A clinic at Vanderbilt University Hospital was delayed until May, when a ½ da./wk. clinic began operations. The Knoxville and Chattanooga clinics began operations in December 1974, ETCH has provided 2 clinics monthly. Significant accumulation of senior adult patients has developed, and home services are being provided. tanooga, 6 clinics were held in a 4-monty period, with 23 patients seen, and 77 registered for clinical evaluation. An outlying clinic at Crossville is planned in August 1975. Third-party reimbursements are beginning to be collected. At Nashville, 85 patients were under care by March.

In 1975, efforts will focus on broadening and extending services, and linking up these, and additional clinics. In Nashville, clinical care, patient education, and social services will be organized with cooperative activities of the 3 estab lished clinics, the Metropolitan Public Health Department, the Arthritis Foundation, and new Immunology and Arthritis Divisions at Vanderbilt. Patient education, outreach, and social services will be expanded. About 2,000 patients will be seen by the combined clinics. ARAC will extend services to outlying community chronic disease

clinics, and will expand training for physicians, and nurses. A patient load of 2,500 is projected in 1976. In Knoxville, improved and increased followup services will be developed for both juvenile and adult patients. Biomedical engineering services have been, and will continue to develop patient aids for meeting environmental needs. Out-patient services will include case finding, home care and home modifications, education, and patient referral. It is estimated that in one year, 25 patients will be restored, and patient load will be 100.

Region:	Texas	

Location	Year	Project	Period	Funds
	1974 1975	113	7/74-6/75 7/75-3/76	244,200 105,200

The 1974 pilot arthritis program was comprised of 6 component activities for the development of improved and increased patient care services, and extensive professional, and patient/family education. The program linked university centers in Galveston, San Antonia, Lubbock, El Paso, and Dallas with practicing health professionals to improve arthritis care, and increase community involvement. Conferences, clinical consultations, seminars, and public forums were widely presented. Arthritis patient education materials are being translated into Spanish. A model minimal care facility, which attracted much interest among technical program reviewers in Rockville, was operated at Galveston. The minimal care program simulates the home environment while patients undergo physical and occupational therapy. The unit also provided an excellent self-contained classroom for therapy, nursing, and social service education.

The program is proposed to be supported for an additional 6 months.

Region: Tri-State

Location	Year	Project	Period	Funds
	1974 1975	al1	9/74- 6/75 7/75-6/76	213,370 599,082
Boston City Hospital	1974 1975	55	11/74-10/75 11/75-6/76	78,600 78,600
Tufts-New England Medical Center	1974 1975	56	9/74-12/75 1/76-6/76	134,770 66,660
Robert Breck Brigham Hospital	1974 1975	54	- . 7/75–6/76	0 74,808
Mass. General Hosp.	1974 1975	57	7/75-6/76	0 163,297
Medical Care & Educa- tion Foundation, Inc.	1974 1975	58	- 7/75-6/76	0 215,717

In 1974, projects were funded at Boston City Hospital for an urban-based program, and Tufts-New England Medical Center for an outreach program involving 3 Maine, and 5 Massachusetts community hospitals. At Boston CH, 2 RN nurses have received intensive rheumatological training preparatory to initiation of outreach (home followup) activities. At Tufts, arthritis clinics have been opened in Maine at Bangor, Presque Island, and Rockland. In Massachusetts, a clinic is operational at New Bedford, are planned to become operational in May at Everett, and Chelsea, and are under development for later startup at Springfield, Waltham, Nantucket, and Beverly. Tufts provides a multidisciplinary resource for arthritis diagnosis, and treatment, and provides teams to open up outlying clinics.

In 1975, both projects plan to expand outreach activities. Projects Nos. 54, 57, and 58, are resubmittals of applications not approved in 1974. Nos. 54, and 57, are verbatim restatements of the previous application, and No. 58 provides verbatim extracts of the prior submittal. Reviewers considered the projects poorly organized, and not well thought out, particularly in view of the extensive arthritis expertise represented by each of the institutions. The Medical Care and Education Foundation, Inc., plans to contract with the New England Rehabilitation Hospital, Inc., a for-profit corporation.

Region: Virginia

Location	Year	Project	Period	Funds
	1974 1975	46	7/74-6/75 7/75-6/76	80,000 40,000

Virginia was divided into four areas for program development: Tidewater, Richmond, Central Vinginia, and Northern Virginia. Each area has designated one or two physician coordinators of program. The Family Practice Units of the 2 Universities are the sources of special professional arthritis expertise, and the central coordination points for scheduling visiting multidisciplinary teams. It was recently reported that over 20 clinic and physician colloquia sites will be visited during the first year by arthritis specialists from the university, and area centers; many of the sites visited are quite isolated, but have responded enthusiastically to these training opportunities. Emphasis is on provision of physician specialist and allied health services to economically disadvantaged populations.

In 1975, outreach training will be continued, and increased patient follow-up with increasingly trained allied health personnel will be sought.

Region: Washington-Alaska

Location	Year	Project	Period	Funds
	1974 1975	89	9/74-6/75 7/75-6/76	35,622 42,995

W/ARMP's pilot arthritis activities were funded by non-earmarked funds. A larger program of \$75,000 was approved by Council, but Regional planners felt that the approved level was too restrictive to undertake the full program approved. Unfunded was a travelling therapist team modelled after the widely-recognized Canadian program. The funded program is therapist training at the Virginia Mason Medical Center in Seattle, and the Home Care Program operated by the Western Washington Arthritis Foundation. Idaho, and Montana were invited to utilize the training program on a service-reimbursement basis. Trainees enrolled total 55, and 35 have completed the training course. All major arthritis disciplines are presented in the training program, and graduates receive an assessment visit by a Supervisory Therapist several months after course completion.

In 1975, it is proposed to provide therapist training "to the remaining untrained physical and occupational therapists in this four state region desiring this type of instruction." An inventory of arthritis services will be completed, and lay organizations will be solicited to assist with referral and patient transport problems in outlying areas.

Region: Western Pennsylvania

Location	Year	Project	Period	Funds
	1974 1975	45	7/74-6/75 7/75-6/76	140,400 133,330

In 1974, an inventory of educational needs, and arthritis resources was conducted in the Region. Five (5) sites were identified for establishment of clinics, and 3 are functioning. The remaining 2 will be operational in June 1975. Each of the 5 participating hospitals were required to commit 8 physicians and allied health personnel to the clinic project. On the basis of the needs inventory, a training curriculum was developed, and 1/wk training sessions of 6 week's duration was begun for each of the center staffs. Training was presented at both the centers, and ad St. Margaret's Hospital. Training participants include personnel from Red Cross, United Fund, and planning commissions, as well as community physicians and allied health personnel. A program evaluation process is being developed by training professional program participants in outcome assessment.

In 1975, two (2) additional centers will be activitated. Professional and lay education sessions will be continued, and a periodic schedule of multidisciplinary specialist clinic visits will be instituted. Specialized training will be provided for teams from non-center communities to expand available arthritis resources, and improve patient referral. A model patient education center will be developed to demonstrate and assess patient instruction methods. An individual professional study course will be developed for personnel without access to classroom training.

Region: Wisconsin

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Location	Year	Project	Period	Funds
	1974 1975	a11	7/74-6/75 7/75-6/76	62,000 111,225
Sacred Heart, & Columbia Hospitals	1974 1975	123	7/74-6/75 7/75-6/76	55,000 71,225
Consulting Teams	1974 1975	C010	same	7,000 40,000

Approved 1974 program provided modest support for travel costs of professional consulting teams from UWMC and affiliated hospitals, and support for a combined patient/family - nursing care study at two hospitals. The study is operated under a Statewide nurse advisory group, and seek improved nursing practice through development of arthritis nursing criteria, and concommitant development of patient education materials. A nominal group process is employed in writing nursing criteria by the participating nurse staffs. Projected criteria are tested against outcomes of actual practice with 2 identified patient groups, and modified as experience dictates. Increased capability to quantify patient responses to nursing care has been reported, as well as much more nurse sensitivity to patient needs.

In 1975, the nursing studies will be continued, and proven patient educational materials will be developed. Workshops will be organized and presented to professional staff, and increased emphasis will be placed on out-patient care. In connection with the travelling consulting teams, improved referral, and institutional intercommunication will be sought.